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ANNUAL REPORT



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In 2015, Chesapeake Bay Trust grantees:



STUDENTS:

Engaged **97,746**
students in outdoor
learning experiences.



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PLANTS:

Planted
198,126
native trees,
plants and
marsh
grasses.



TEACHERS:

Helped **3,716** teachers learn new
ways to educate students about their
environment and the Chesapeake Bay.

VOLUNTEERS:

Engaged **19,301** Marylanders in efforts to clean up local neighborhoods, the Bay and its rivers.



TRASH: Removed 72 tons of trash and debris and 46 acres of invasive species from area streams and rivers.



SHORELINE: Created **3,397** linear feet of living shoreline.



HABITAT: Restored 95 acres of streamside buffers and precious wetlands.



STORMWATER:

Created 3.4 acres of rain gardens, removed 1.6 acres of impervious surface, and distributed 480 rain barrels.

Who We Are

About the Chesapeake Bay Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$70 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of Maryland's systems – Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny – and the broader Chesapeake watershed.



Year in Review Message



Jana Davis, Ph.D.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust celebrated 2015 and our 30th birthday with another record grant-making year: \$9.8 million in grants and projects throughout Maryland and the Chesapeake watershed. With the support of the 400,000 Treasure the Chesapeake license plate owners, 35,000 tax check-off supporters, and thousands of donors and partners, the Trust has concentrated resources to distribute close to 350 grants to our awardees and through our Chesapeake Conservation Corps program.

Trust grantees, in turn, have done ever more toward accomplishing our mutual goals of expanded stewardship of the region's natural resources. Our grantees have engaged over 100,000 students and teachers in experiential outdoor environmental education, they have planted almost 200,000 native trees and plants, and they have restored close to 100 acres of buffers and wetlands and treated or removed significant acreage of impervious surface.

Most importantly, the Trust and our grantee community have engaged audiences that have never been engaged in natural resource issues before, to the mutual benefit of all parties. Public efforts cannot accomplish these goals alone: Approximately 90% of our watershed is privately owned – by individuals, industry, faith-based institutions, corporations, landlords, and others. The environmental community has learned that without engaging members from all of these sectors, our local resources cannot significantly improve. Those who seek to restore and protect healthy watersheds, therefore, benefit from widening the circle of engaged communities.

In turn, many populations and communities use our region's natural resources – places to fish, walk in the woods, play in the park, plant an urban garden, sit by a tree, get a breath of fresh air – and would benefit from resource improvement even if they are not yet aware of opportunities to do so. For example, doctors are prescribing time outdoors to help

patients improve their health. Many individuals supplement their diets with fish caught in local waters. Local towns are working to revitalize business districts and encourage (outdoor) foot traffic. Parents are encouraging outdoor play to get kids to diversify from video games. Improved air quality, water quality, urban greening, and nature play spaces would make those uses better. These populations and communities, when aware of connections between the resources they use and restoration activities, can play a larger role in helping to restore and protect healthy watersheds. And we can help these communities by improving the quality of the natural resources they use and on which they rely.

The Trust intends to work harder toward identifying and supporting these types of “co-benefits.” One of our major accomplishments in 2015 was the completion of our next five-year strategic plan, and the concept of engaging under-engaged audiences and identifying co-benefits is a key theme. Also a key theme is identifying barriers standing in the way of stewardship and restoration, and deploying resources to help remove those barriers. In this way, the Trust intends to invest resources entrusted to us by donors and partners efficiently and strategically to attain the greatest outcomes.

This work and the work of our incredible family of grantees would not be possible without Trust donors and partners, and we are proud to bring this annual report to celebrate our collective accomplishments for 2015. We look forward to continuing this work in 2016 and invite ideas and discussion about direction for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jana Davis".

Jana Davis, Ph.D.
Executive Director
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Garrett: \$71,250

Harford: \$11,211
Howard: \$286,779
Kent: \$41,645
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Somerset: \$5,500
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Where We Work



Washington, DC: \$72,825
Pennsylvania: \$159,935
Virginia: \$282,012
West Virginia: \$62,504

Statewide in Maryland:
\$1,253,082

Watershed-wide:
\$347,951

\$9,807,223

Grant Programs



Education: \$843,799 to Educate Students about their Natural Resources



In 2015, the Chesapeake Bay Trust continued work to advance environmental education through experiential learning, outdoor experiences, and curriculum development. This year \$843,799 was awarded through 123 grants in three education grant programs and work through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps. These grants expanded K-12 environmental education curricula and increased student access to programs that provide meaningful outdoor learning experiences. Projects funded range from small grants to schools, “mini grants” intended to provide resources to get students learning outside, to systemic educational initiatives designed to advance environmental literacy at a regional scale. Special thanks to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for their partnership with the Trust.



GRANT EXAMPLE: Outreach and Restoration Grant to Manage Stormwater Runoff

A \$54,879 grant was awarded to the Western Maryland Resource Conservation & Development Council through the Trust’s Outreach and Restoration Grant Program to construct a stormwater system that will store 40,000 gallons of water captured from a five-acre impervious area. This water will be used for a sustainable agriculture project and includes an education display, pervious concrete, a green roof, and rain garden to educate area students, among other efforts.

Restoration: \$5,667,589 for Projects that Reduce Pollution, Restore Habitat, and Improve Water Quality

Restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its local rivers and streams in ways that engage communities and individual residents remains one of the Trust’s greatest funding priorities. In 2015, the Trust administered 105 grants and projects totaling over \$5.5 million through these efforts. These dollars advanced green infrastructure and created green jobs, allowed communities to restore valuable shoreline habitat for wildlife, led to the planting of thousands of trees, and more. Examples of individual grant programs that supported this on-the-ground restoration work include our Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Initiative; our Living Shorelines Initiative; and our Watershed Assistance Grant Program. These efforts were made possible due to strong partnerships with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources and Environment, the Anne Arundel County Forest Conservancy District Board, and new this year, partnerships with local governments. The Trust is proud to announce partnerships with Prince George’s County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Charles County in which these governments are working with the Trust to invest in not-for-profit organizations in their communities, tapping their potential to reach thousands of residents to take actions to improve their local natural resources, improve stormwater quality, and improve their communities.



GRANT EXAMPLE: Mini Grants Advance Education around the Region

The Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Acid Mine Drainage Reclamation received a \$3,549 grant from the Trust’s Mini Grants Program to fund environmental education efforts with local eight grade students. Due to this grant, students were able to observe abandoned mine drainage (an environmental issue important to their local watershed) and perform relevant scientific experiments and then design a treatment system to address a unique water quality concern by providing a real world solution.



Advancing Science: \$825,000 to Answer Key Questions in the Restoration Community

The Trust works to advance science in many arenas in which we fund, such as best practices in environmental education and in social science to change behaviors. New in 2015, the Trust developed a program focused on key aspects of advancing science in restoration. We worked with many partners including the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Maryland Department of the Environment, members from the MS4 community, members of several other regulatory agencies, and members of the restoration practitioner community to develop a program to address key questions that stand in the way of fluid implementation of projects. Watershed Implementation Plans in our area call for a ten-fold increase in the number of restoration projects to be put in the ground: When questions remain about practice efficacy or impact, delays in achieving water quality benefits occur. The Trust is working with the regulatory, practitioner, and manager communities to identify questions and fund work to obtain the answers. We named this new grant program the Restoration Research Program, and funding partners Maryland DNR and EPA contributed to this pilot year. Four projects were funded for \$825,000. In addition, the Trust entered into a new partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, supporting research into key natural resources to advance the newly signed Chesapeake Bay Agreement. With EPA funding, the Trust awarded \$219,493 for four research projects.



Engagement: \$1,667,712 to Engage Individuals and Organizations to Improve the Health of Communities and Local Waterways

Increasing public awareness and involvement in activities that restore and protect Maryland's natural resources is one of the tenets of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This past year, the Trust invested over \$1.6 million through 88 grants and projects made through several of our grant programs. Awards ranged from small grants (\$560), intended to allow new applicants to get their feet wet and learn how to apply for grants, to larger initiatives led by experienced organizations. Examples of projects funded include a program to understand attitudes of and engage women agricultural landowners in water quality best management practices, neighbor-to-neighbor education programs about stormwater practices and rebate programs, engagement of faith-based institutions and communities in watershed efforts, training programs for local governments on green infrastructure financing, and development of "behavior change" programs to benefit watershed health. The Trust has been proud to be a pioneer of the application of social science and social marketing to changing behaviors that affect watershed health and increase community engagement.

New in 2015 was a pilot Outdoor Health Grant Program to support the infusion of watershed education in existing human health programs. Two examples of this new program are the Chesapeake Center for Youth Development's Docs in the Park program, to which a Healthy People Healthy Places component was added through a Trust grant, and Talisman Therapeutic Riding, which added a watershed curriculum to its riding programs and its Veteran's Victory Garden. Community engagement awards were also made through the Trust's Outreach and Restoration Grant Program, the Mini Grant Program for Community Engagement, Prince George's County Stormwater Grant Program, Montgomery County Stormwater Grant Program, and the EPA partnership to support the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. For a full list of awardees, visit cbtrust.org.

GRANT EXAMPLE: Student Grade County Leaders on Water Quality



The Trust awarded Howard County Conservancy a \$26,848 environmental education grant to help tenth grade students develop the Howard County Watershed Report Card. Through this pilot

program, students turned the tables and graded the county and its leaders on the health of their local watershed. Efforts included offsite stream surveys, teacher trainings and watershed analysis for all interested high schools in Howard County.



Chesapeake Conservation Corps

The 32 participants of the fifth class of the Chesapeake Conservation Corps program were announced in August 2014. This program, which was created by the Maryland Legislature in 2010, matches youth ages 18-25 with a variety of organizations, including watershed groups, government agencies, local schools, and area nonprofits, for a one-year term of service. During the year, Conservation Corps participants gain valuable on-the-job experience and career skills while they work to advance environmental conservation and a host of other environmentally-focused initiatives.

Since the program began in 2010, it has grown steadily in popularity with more than 135 applications received for just 32 coveted volunteer spots and more than 75 groups vying to serve as host organizations. This year also marked a new opportunity for partner participation, as the National Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Echo, Environmental Concern, and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy all invested their own dollars to increase program participation levels, expand opportunities for host organizations, and allow additional young people to get the training they need to advance their careers. Partner funds through EPA also enabled the program to expand beyond Maryland for the very first time to Washington, D.C.

The program is funded by both the state of Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Trust, with a generous contribution provided by Constellation Energy. Program participants are provided with a stipend for one year in addition to technical training provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Corps participants also have an opportunity to apply for grants from the Trust to learn grant writing skills and how to implement projects.



The 2015 Chesapeake Conservation Corps Class

Albert Leavell, *Chester River Association*

Amelia Marcus, *Banner Neighborhoods Community Corps*

Ashley McAvoy, *Hood College Center for Coastal & Watershed Studies*

Audrey Pleva, *Anacostia Watershed Society*

Audrey Seiz, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

Augusta Maguire, *Morgan State University*

Bethany Enyeart, *Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center*

Christine Burns, *Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy*

Daniel Foster, *The Nature Conservancy*

Daniel Saltzberg, *Frederick County Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources*

Emily Forinash, *William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center*

James Rush, *National Park Service*

Joanne Maturana, *Nanticoke Watershed Alliance*

Julia Poust, *Chesapeake Bay Foundation*

Kerry Maguire, *Arlington Echo Outdoor School*

Kyle Hinson, *Watershed Stewards Academy*

Marlo Atkinson, *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

Maura Duffy, *National Aquarium in Baltimore*

Michael Weitekamp, *Latin American Youth Center*
 Nguyen Le, *Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin*

Nicholas Ryugo, *University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center*

Noelia Roman-Ramos, *Montgomery Parks Meadowside Nature Center*

Patrice Matthews, *Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability*

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Shanita Brown, *Earth Conservation Corps*

Shelby Erwin, *Pearlstone Center*

Skyla Steele, *Irvine Nature Center*

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Chesapeake Bay Trust: A Community Foundation for Environmental Action

The Trust has been working for ten years in an effort to offer our grantmaking expertise and infrastructure to others with resources to invest and who share our goal of community engagement in watershed restoration and protection. Our 30th grantmaking year, 2015, marked the ramping up of this effort in the form of several new partnerships and continuation of many others. This model offers several key benefits: the leveraging of partner resources, allowing a funding partner to become part of a larger effort and to fund larger projects, reduced administrative costs of funders as many partners can use one set of

grantmaking systems, and perhaps more importantly, reduced administrative costs of applicants and grantees, as grant funds are concentrated in a “one-stop shop.” The Trust will continue to partner in this way to maximize grantmaking efficiency and allow faster achievement of strategic goals.

2015-2020 Strategic Plan Created

In June 2015, the Chesapeake Bay Trust completed its 2015-2020 Strategic Plan to outline an updated blueprint to move the organization and its Bay restoration and outreach effort forward. In this report, the organization refined its mission, vision and core values, as well as outlined its strategic direction through four key priorities for the next five years: grantmaking and program administration; optimizing investment; technical assistance; and revenue protection and generation. Under each priority, the Trust, with input from its board of trustees, staff and key stakeholders, outlined major objectives and deliverables that include breaking through barriers that limit watershed restoration and protection; engaging additional audiences to reach beyond groups already committed to environmental work; and increasing sustainability by structuring the Trust's grant programs to maximize the impact.

TRUST CORE VALUES

Accountability and Transparency
Grantee Focus
Inclusiveness
Collaboration
Innovation

Federal, State and Local Partners

The Trust collaborates with a host of federal, state and local agencies on its grant programs and specific initiatives to support restoration and outreach programs.

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Park Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Comptroller Office of Maryland
- Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
- Anne Arundel County Forestry Board
- Anne Arundel County Government
- Baltimore City Government
- Charles County Government
- Montgomery County Government
- Prince George's County Government



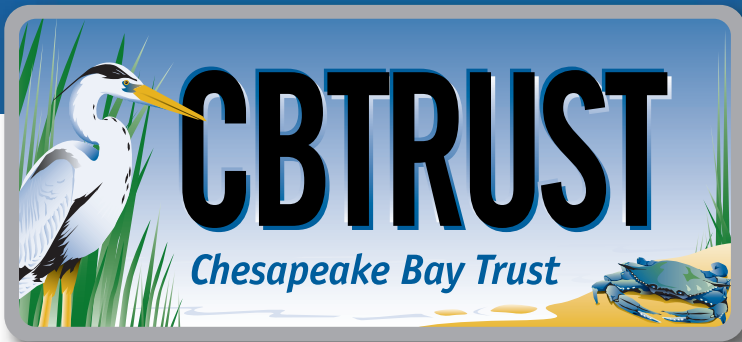
Foundation Partners

Numerous foundation partners offer their funding and expertise through jointly funded initiatives managed by the Trust to raise awareness and further our shared mission of enhancing Bay stewardship.

- Agua Fund, Inc.
- blue moon fund
- Bunting Family Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
- MARPAT Foundation
- Nabit Foundation/Great Chesapeake Bay Swim
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Prince Charitable Trusts
- Rauch Foundation
- The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment
- The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
- Town Creek Foundation



How We Are Funded



Marylanders Show their Pride with their Bay Plates

Last year more than 50,000 Marylanders purchased a *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate to show their love for the Chesapeake Bay. These license plates not only look great on vehicles, but proceeds are donated to the Chesapeake Bay Trust to fund restoration and education programs throughout Maryland. The plates only cost \$20 and can be purchased at the MVA or from your car dealership when you buy a new or used automobile.

Each year thousands of Bay lovers also visit www.bayplate.org to order a new Bay plate conveniently online to replace the standard plates on their car. In turn, the Trust takes these dollars and distributes them back out to projects and programs that benefit local communities in Maryland. Didn't get a Bay plate in 2015? Find out more and order yours today at bayplate.org.

More than 10,000 Marylanders join Plate Perks

In April 2014, the Chesapeake Bay Trust launched Plate Perks, a program designed to say thank you to the more than 400,000 Marylanders who own a Treasure the Chesapeake license plate. The program is simple: Bay plate owners receive perks or rewards including VIP parking at various locations as well as discounts on merchandise and services for having a Bay plate on their vehicles. To date more than 10,000 Marylanders have signed up for the program that includes offerings from more than 50 businesses around the state. If you are interested in receiving a Plate Perks card, visit www.plateperks.org to sign up and see the great deals being offered to Marylanders simply for owning a Bay plate.



Donors and Partners

The Trust continues to focus efforts on direct donor outreach and partnership development, surpassing \$191,000 in donations in FY15. Last year more than 2,000 individuals and organizations donated to support the Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant programs and special initiatives. Each year the Trust also partners with local businesses, Maryland-based companies, festivals and special events to generate funding and donations for the organization, as well as raise awareness for the Trust, its grant programs, and the Maryland Bay plate. For a full list of this year's individual supporters, visit page 16.



Tax Donations to Help the Bay

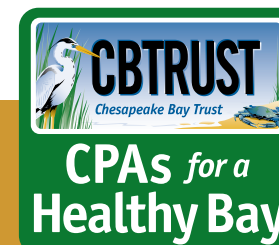
In fiscal year 2014-2015, \$992,032 was contributed through the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state income tax form. This fund, which is split evenly between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, allows Marylanders to make a tax deductible donation that helps the local environment and protects native wildlife. This year's total was almost \$70,000 more than was donated in 2014, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust is incredibly grateful for the support. In total, 33,700 returns had donations allocated for the Bay Fund, and donations averaged more than \$32 per donor, up from \$29 the year before.



CPAs for a Healthy Bay

While many Marylanders want to donate to help the Bay, only 1.5 percent chooses to do so through their Maryland state income tax form. That is why the Chesapeake Bay Trust launched CPAs for a Healthy Bay, a partnership with CPAs throughout Maryland to educate their clients about the work of the Trust and what these dollars fund in their own communities. Last year more than 50

CPA firms signed up to participate in the program, reaching more than 20,000 clients and the program continues to expand moving forward.



Since the inception of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plate program, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has been an exceptional partner of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Thank you MVA and we look forward to working with you for many years to come.



4th Annual 5K for the Bay

The Trust held its 4th Annual 5K for the Bay on April 11, 2015 at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis.

In total, almost 700 racers registered for the event which raised more than \$20,000 for the Trust's restoration and education grant programs. Special thanks to title sponsor Chesapeake Bay Roasting Company.

Special Thanks to all our 2015 Sponsors

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Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration



Everyone enjoyed the festivities and great weather at this year's Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration.



Joe Gill joins Trust 2016 Chair Terry Smith.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust held its 17th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration on Friday, May 29 at the Annapolis Marriott hotel. In total, more than 400 guests registered for this year's event, which raised \$90,000 for Chesapeake Bay restoration and education. Attendants dined on exceptional cuisine while they danced the night away, played casino games and bid on fantastic silent auction items. Special thanks to our premier sponsors Constellation and Exelon Generation, as well as M&T Bank, The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim and Venable. More than 100 other businesses and organizations also sponsored this event and contributed to its silent auction, and we are deeply grateful for the support.



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Legislative Reception and Awards Program



In January, the Trust announced the recipients of its 2015 Annual Awards Program at a ceremony held in the Maryland General Assembly. During the event, more than 150 Chesapeake Bay supporters joined Maryland legislators to honor six exceptional teachers, students, and environmental leaders for their outstanding contributions to education, Bay restoration and volunteerism. Launched in 1998, the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Annual Awards Program recognizes awardees each year for a variety of environmental leadership roles and achievements.

2015 Dr. Torrey Brown Award The Honorable Harry R. Hughes *Former Governor of Maryland*



The Trust honored former governor Harry H. Hughes who served as governor from 1979 to 1987 after 17 years in the General Assembly where he championed the Critical Areas Act, among many other accomplishments. The Dr. Torrey Brown Award recognizes an individual each year who has shown extraordinary leadership to improve the Chesapeake Bay and local communities.

2015 Ellen Fraites Wagner Award Larry Coffman *Prince George's County Department of the Environment*



The Trust recognized Larry Coffman who retired after 40 years of service during which he oversaw Prince George's County's urban stormwater management programs and is nationally recognized on stormwater and bay-friendly urban development. Coffman received the 2015 Ellen Fraites Wagner Award, created to honor Ellen Fraites Wagner, a tireless advocate for the environment.



leader, was chosen as this year's Student of the Year which is awarded annually to a Maryland student who participates in efforts to improve the local environment.

2015 Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship Danielle Holt *Western School of Technology & Environmental Science in Baltimore County*

Danielle Holt is a member of her school's Green Team, is active in her student government association, and in her spare time plants trees on campus, cleans up trash, and joined the recycling team starting in middle school. She is the recipient of this year's Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship which is named in honor of the late Senator Arthur Dorman who played a large role in bringing Trust grant programs to a greater diversity of communities in Maryland.

2015 Educator of the Year Deanna Wheeler *J.C. Parks Elementary in Charles County*

Deanna Wheeler leads environmental education efforts at her school that include converting turf to native plants, raising bay critters in the classroom, and implementing outdoor experiences. Known as an educational leader throughout the region, Wheeler received this year's Educator of the Year award which is bestowed annually to someone who has shown an outstanding commitment to environmental education.

2015 Student of the Year Samuel Zabronsky *Sandy Spring Friends School in Montgomery County*

While in high school, Samuel Zabronsky was selected to manage Trout Unlimited's educational programming at his school, as well as serve as a volunteer counselor focused on inspiring youth to embrace conservation. Zabronsky, who is also a nationally recognized teen conservation





2015 Melanie Teems Award Camp Letts Watershed Restoration Initiative

The YMCA and West/Rhode Riverkeeper in Anne Arundel County

This collaborative project was implemented to help reduce nutrient and sediment pollution from entering the Rhode River at Camp Letts. This initiative has included many stages, including stormwater projects, agricultural best management practices, shoreline stabilization, and tree plantings, among other efforts. The Trust created its Melanie Teems Award to honor an exceptional program or project that is improving local communities and protecting Maryland's natural resources.

The work of the Chesapeake Bay Trust to improve local water quality and protect the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay watershed is often covered by the news media. In 2015, the Trust was mentioned more than 300 times in print and through online media channels, as

well as almost 100 times on television and radio. Most of the Trust's coverage is attributed to its many grant projects and programs, as well as its event partnerships and overall outreach efforts.



Applicants of the Vacant Lots Transformed Competition receive funding to implement great projects to improve the city of Baltimore.

Vacant Lots Transformed Competition Produced Exceptional Projects

In September 2014, Baltimore City, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announced the winners from their collaborative Growing Green Design Competition: Vacant Lots Transformed. This program was created for community groups, design firms, non-profit, and private partners to showcase innovative ideas for reusing

vacant land while also reducing stormwater and providing community benefits such as urban agriculture, parks, and trees. In total seven projects were awarded close to \$300,000 to design and construct their winning ideas.



Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake reviews this year's grant ideas.

Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Makes Greener Communities



EPA Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin addresses the media.

In June 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Trust, in partnership with Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, awarded \$727,500 for 15 projects to green local communities. Through the collaborative Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program, the Trust and its partners are able to advance watershed protection and economic improvement through the development of stormwater management techniques, green jobs creation, beautification of neighborhoods, and community enhancement, among other efforts.



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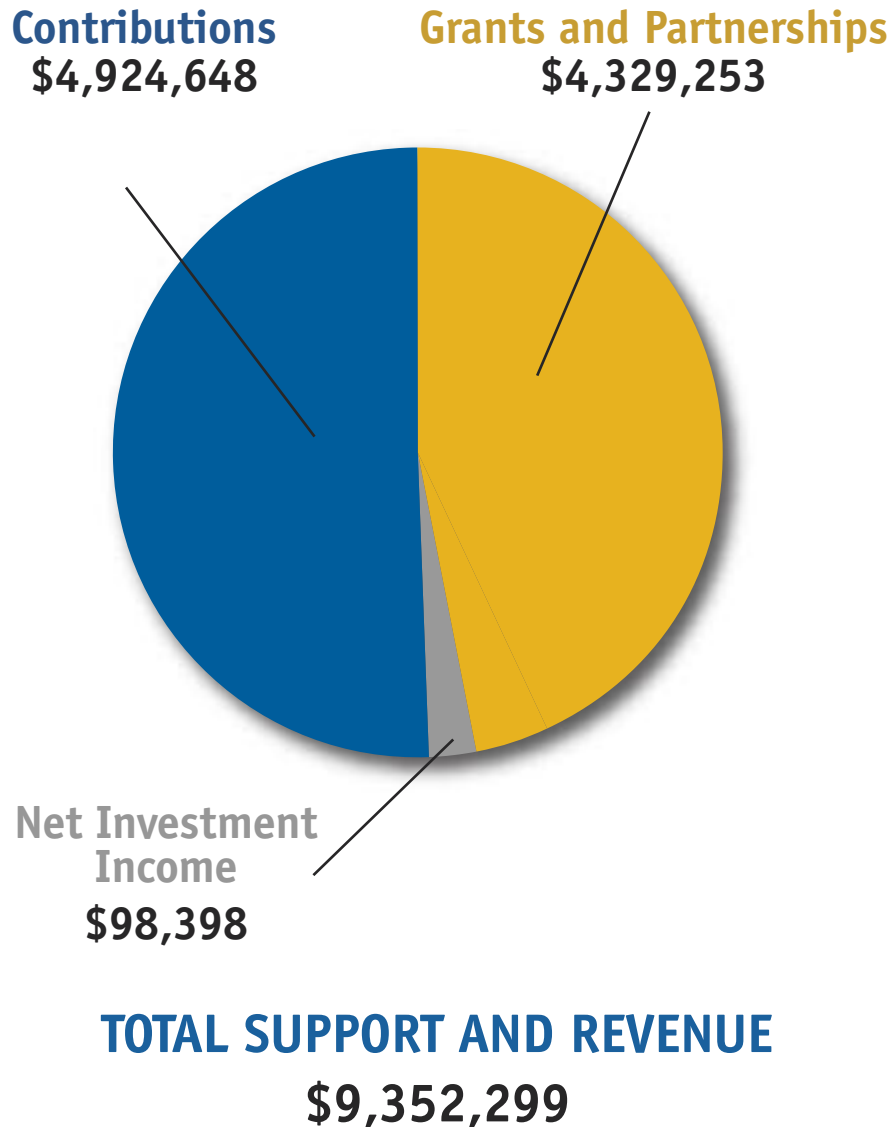
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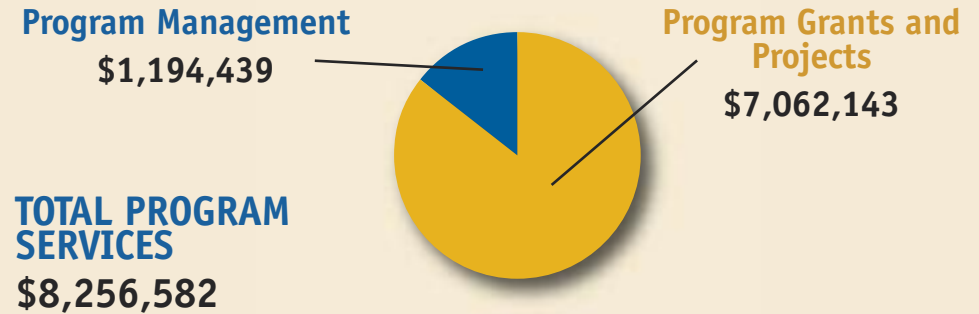
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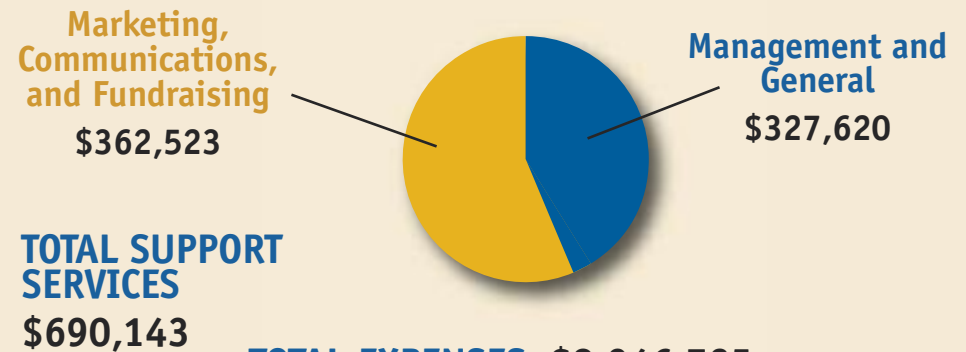


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PROGRAM SERVICES²



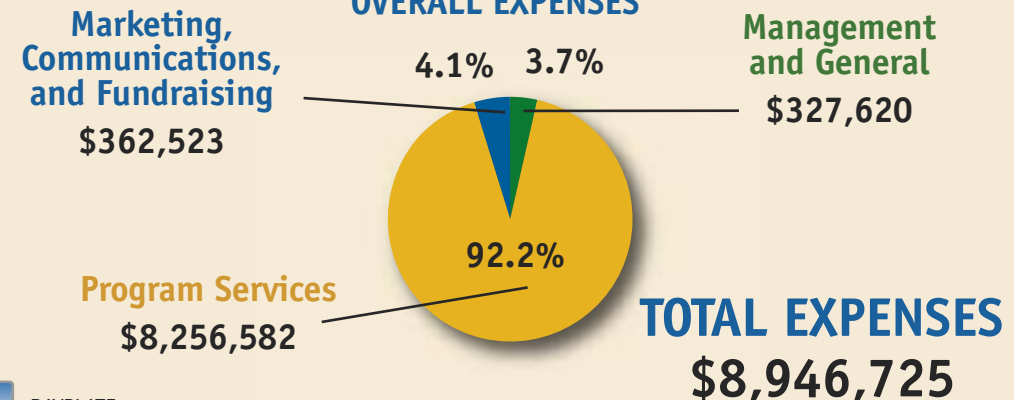
SUPPORT SERVICES



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$8,946,725

Change in Net Assets: \$405,574

OVERALL EXPENSES



¹Please see the Trust's audited annual financial statements (available on the Trust's website) and the accompanying notes, which are an integral part of the financial statements.

²Annual program expenses may be lower than annual awards because portions of grant awards are often paid out in future fiscal years.

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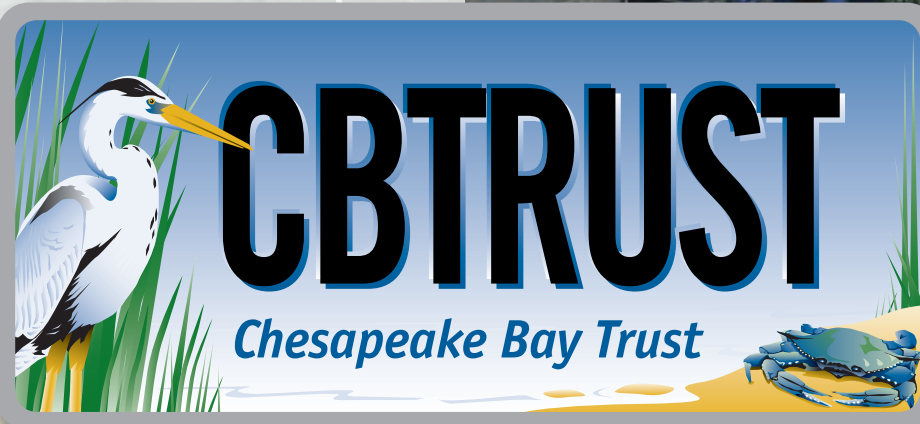
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Chesapeake Bay Fund Tax Check-off



Where the Money Goes:



Education

Ensuring that students are environmentally literate through K-12 curriculum development, field experiences, and green school development.

Restoration

Advancing the science and implementation of restoration best management practices that reduce pollution and improve habitat.

Community Outreach

Engaging citizens and communities to improve the health of local waterways through community clean-ups, tree plantings, and other stewardship practices and projects.

